

Figure 5: Threats Analysis Across All Targets

Threats Across Systems		Mixed Hardwood Coastal Matrix Forest	Coastal Plain Pond Complexes	Tidal Wetlands and Waters	Riparian Corridors	Rural Amenities & Ecological Services*	Overall Threat Rank
1	Road construction/upgrades	High	-	-	Low	High	High
2	Residential/commercial development	High	-	-	Low	High	High
3	Invasive/alien species	Medium	Low	High	Low	-	Medium
4	Incompatible agricultural practices	High	-	Low	Low	-	Medium
5	Lack of understanding regarding the value of open space and ecological services	-	-	-	-	High	Medium
6	Climate change/increased rate of sea level rise/barriers to marsh migration	-	-	High	-	-	Medium
7	Loss of natural upland buffer to residential development	-	Medium	-	Medium	-	Medium
8	Construction of ditches, dikes, drainage or diversion systems	-	Medium	Medium	-	-	Medium
9	Unsustainable/incompatible forestry practices	Medium	Low	-	-	-	Low
10	Loss of natural upland buffer to agriculture	-	Low	-	Medium	-	Low
11	Lack of incentives/opportunities for new/better products or technology	-	-	-	-	Medium	Low
12	Channelization of rivers or streams	-	-	Medium	-	-	Low
13	Improperly set culverts	-	-	Medium	-	-	Low
14	Loss of natural buffer - see #7 and #10	-	-	Medium	-	-	Low
15	Shoreline stabilization/Armoring - see #6	-	-	Medium	-	-	Low
16	Incompatible management and abuse of public access	-	-	-	-	Medium	Low
Threat Status for Targets and Site		High	Medium	High	Medium	High	Very High

**Manual override used to rank threats according to June workshop vote; should not be directly compared/related to other threat rankings since results may be skewed.*